

Simple ----- *Easy* ----- *Fun*

GET YOUR AMATEUR RADIO LICENSE

AMATEUR RADIO EXAM CLASSES

Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club

One of the World's Oldest Continuously Active Radio Amateur Clubs - since 1917

Amateur radio has activities to interest everyone. Cell phones, email and instant messaging have **NOTHING** on amateur radio. Amateurs talk to others around the world, across the country and even to the International Space Station. Some just talk across the state or around the local area. Amateurs 'talk' using voice (like cell phones, except longer distances) or they use their computers (just like email / IM). Some even *like* using Morse code! Amateurs earn **awards** for contacting every state or county in the US or for the most different countries in the world. As they make contacts they exchange QSL cards, which are similar to post cards and are used to confirm a contact with another amateur. Amateurs **collect** albums of these cards from all over the globe. In the process they make **friends** around the world and **learn** about far off places. Do you like to **compete**? Think you can make more contacts in a given time than everyone else? Amateurs have **contests** to see who is the best. All in fun of course! Do you like to tinker with electronics? Amateurs do this all the time. Want to **help** your community in times of disaster, at special events or become a storm spotter? Amateurs do this too! **This is just a small part** of what amateur radio is all about. Amateur radio really does have activities to interest everyone.

Amateur Radio Operators (sometimes called 'hams') must earn a license from the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) by taking a simple exam. There are three classes of amateur licenses. The entry level is called 'Technician'. Following the Technician class there are 'General' and 'Extra' class licenses. Each class of license gives the radio amateur additional privileges.

Earning your license is where we can help. The Milwaukee Radio Amateurs' Club (MRAC) offers classes to prepare you for your amateur radio license exam. The entry-level exam is easy and a MRAC class will prepare you to take the exam. Reading assignments are reinforced with class discussion and study of the published question pool. It really is easy! With just a little work you can be on the air in just a few weeks. Classes are usually one 2-hour session a week for six weeks. Students from 8 to 108 are welcome.

**Let us know which class you are interested in!
We will contact you the next time we offer that class. It's that easy!**

I'm interested in a: TECHNICIAN GENERAL EXTRA class (please circle one).

NAME: _____ AGE: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

ADDRESS: _____

Mail to: MRAC, P.O. Box 070695, Milwaukee, WI 53207

Or email your request to w9rh@arrl.net
Please include your name, age, address and phone number.

Have a scanner? Listen to our repeater on 145.390 MHz.

See our website at www.qsl.net/mrac for more information about MRAC. Come to one of our meetings. New people are always welcome and it's free. We meet the last Thursday of the month (except November it's the 2nd last Thursday & we don't meet in December) at Redemption Lutheran Church on Hwy. 100 just north of Capitol Drive. Meetings start at 7 PM. Please do not call the church. The club phone number is (262) 797-MRAC (6722).

